

1 SENATE BILL NO. 543

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CONTENT OF FISCAL NOTES; AND AMENDING
5 SECTIONS 5-4-201 AND 5-4-205, MCA."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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9 **Section 1.** Section 5-4-201, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"5-4-201. Requirement of fiscal notes with committee reports.** All bills reported out of a committee
11 of the legislature having an effect on the ~~revenues~~ revenue, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state or of a
12 county or municipality, except appropriation measures carrying specific dollar amounts, ~~shall~~ must include a fiscal
13 note incorporating an estimate of ~~such~~ the effect and the content required in 5-4-205. Fiscal notes ~~shall~~ must be
14 requested by the presiding officer of either house, who shall determine the need for the note at the time of
15 introduction."

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17 **Section 2.** Section 5-4-205, MCA, is amended to read:18 **"5-4-205. Contents of notes.** Fiscal notes ~~shall~~ must, ~~where~~ when possible, show in dollar amounts the
19 estimated increase or decrease in ~~revenues~~ revenue or expenditures, costs ~~which~~ that may be absorbed without
20 additional funds, and long-range financial implications. A fiscal note must include an estimate of the changes on
21 behavior that will occur because of the policy changes in the bill and the resulting fiscal impact. A fiscal note must
22 include estimated costs that will occur to the private sector as a result of the policy changes in the bill. ~~No A~~
23 comment or opinion relative to merits of the bill ~~shall~~ may not be included; ~~however~~ However, technical or
24 mechanical defects may be noted."

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